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- Introduce key concepts and definitions for understanding TMA Pharmacy Rates
- Provide background terminology and data sources used for rate-setting
- Explain Pharmacy Formulary & OTC Biller's Edition Workbook
- Discuss specific pharmaceutical pricing examples (sample various product forms)
- Answer your questions



- The UBO Pharmacy Rate File does not limit availability of pharmaceuticals
- It establishes which pharmaceuticals (formulary and OTC) can be billed at MTFs within the Direct Care System
- It establishes NDC unit rates used to calculate pharmaceutical charge(s) on a bill
- “The Drug Listing Act of 1972 requires registered drug establishments to provide the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with a current list of all drugs manufactured, prepared, propagated, compounded, or processed by it for commercial distribution. Drug products are identified and reported using a unique, three-segment number, called the **National Drug Code (NDC)**, which serves as a universal product identifier for drugs.”*

- The Generic Sequence Number (GSN) refers to a set of National Drug Codes (NDCs) that have the same:
 - Active ingredient(s)
 - Strength
 - Dosage form
- For each GSN cohort, the unit measure price (e.g., price per pill, price per ml, price for each) for each individual NDC is used to determine the overall unit measure price for the GSN
- The GSN unit measure price is then used to price the individual NDCs in the UBO pharmacy rate file

- Prime Vendor Program (PVP)
 - Reflects actual negotiated contract prices between the federal government and pharmaceutical vendors
- Average Wholesale Price (AWP)
 - Used currently by TRICARE, Medicaid, most commercial payers, and historically by Medicare
 - Data widely available (Red Book, Blue Book)
 - Not defined by law or regulation
 - Does not account for the discounts available to various payers nor reflects actual costs

- Managed Care Pricing File (MCPF) Details:
 - Provided by the Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia (DSC-P) and is the raw source of pharmaceutical data for the UBO pharmacy rate development process
 - Provides Average Wholesale Price (AWP), Prime Vendor Program (PVP) or Federal Supply Service (FSS) cost data for each National Drug Code (NDC)
 - MCPF AWP is reduced 15% from the original AWP cost supplied by First Databank (which provides the raw monthly Rx data to DSC-P)
 - Unit measure cost (i.e., cost per pill) is derived from the NDC, cost and the package size/case pack size
 - The UBO pharmacy rate file includes both prescription (formulary) and over the counter

UBO Pharmacy Pricing Files available for download:
http://www.tricare.mil/ocfo/mcfs/ubo/mhs_rates/pharmacy/cv.cfm

- [Pharmacy Rate File Effective 021613](#) xlsx 4143.4 KB
 (posted 02-13-2013)
- February 2013 Formulary and OTC Unit Rates - Biller's Edition**
[FY13 UBO Pharmacy Rate Listing Effective 021613](#) xlsx 13593.7 KB
 (posted 02-13-2013)
- August 2012 Pharmacy Rate File**
[Pharmacy Rate File Effective 080612](#) xlsx 4249.9 KB
 (posted 08-01-2012)
- August 2012 OTC Unit Rates**
[FY12 UBO OTC Pharmacy Rate Listing Effective 080612](#) xlsx 2735.1 KB
 (posted 08-01-2012)

historical pharmacy rate files can be found on the [Archives](#) page.

estimating Pharmaceuticals Costs

The UBO has developed pricing estimators to assist pay-patients and other government organizations with estimating the costs of pharmaceuticals provided by DoD. The Pharmaceutrice Estimators are available through the links below or from the UBO Helpdesk. Running the pharmacy estimator requires **Microsoft Access version 2003 or newer**. Links to recent version estimators are provided below.

[DoD Pharmaceutical Price Estimator Effective 02-16-2013 Access 2003](#) zip 9254.6 KB
 (posted 02-13-2013)

[DoD Pharmaceutical Price Estimator Effective 02-16-2013 Access 2007](#) zip 13579.4 KB
 (posted 02-13-2013)

Workbook design layout:

- Tab #1: Comprehensive listing of BOTH Formulary & OTC NDCs (plus descriptors)
- Tab #2: Comprehensive listing of ONLY OTC NDCs (plus descriptors)

MHS UBO Rx Release Notes:

- 1) Below is a comprehensive list (by 11 Digit NDC) of ALL MHS UBO Pharmaceutical Unit Prices.
- 2) This list contains BOTH Formulary and OTC (Over the Counter) NDC Unit Prices
- 3) Field Name Descriptions can be found in the last tab of this workbook

NDC	NAME	DOSE FORM	DRUG STRENGTH	0213 UNIT PRICE
00517382025	AMINOPHYLLINE 500 MG/20 ML VL	HV		\$0.04
49452043002	AMINOPHYLLINE POWDER	PA		\$0.94
62991200303	AMINOPHYLLINE POWDER	PA		\$0.94
51552031306	AMINOPHYLLINE ANHYDROUS POWDER	PA		\$0.94
49452043001	AMINOPHYLLINE POWDER	PA		\$0.94
62991200302	AMINOPHYLLINE POWDER	PA		\$0.94
51552031305	AMINOPHYLLINE ANHYDROUS PWD	PA		\$0.94
51927144400	AMINOPHYLLINE POWDER	PA		\$0.94
00143102010	AMINOPHYLLINE 100 MG TABLET	TA		\$0.04
00143102001	AMINOPHYLLINE 100 MG TABLET	TA		\$0.04

NDC Product/Dosage Form Codes & Definitions:

MHS UBO Rx Release Notes:

1) Below is a list of DMLSS Pharmaceutical NDC Dosage Form Codes and their descriptions

Dosage Form Code	Dosage Interpretation	Dosage Description
AA	AEROSOL (ML)	AEROSOL
AB	AEROSOL (GM)	AEROSOL
AC	AEROSOL (EA)	AEROSOL
AD	AEROSOL REFILL (ML)	AER REFILL
AE	AEROSOL REFILL (EA)	AER REFILL
AF	FOAM (GM)	FOAM
AG	AEROSOL REFILL (GM)	AER REFILL
AH	AEROSOL W/ADAPTER (ML)	AER W/ADAP
AI	AEROSOL W/ADAPTER (EA)	AER W/ADAP
AI	AEROSOL W/ADAPTER (GM)	AER W/ADAP
AK	AEROSOL, POWDER (EA)	AER POWDER
AL	AMPUL FOR NEBULIZATION (ML)	AMPUL-NEB.
AM	AEROSOL, MIST	MIST
AN	VIAL, NEBULIZER	VIAL-NEB
AO	AEROSOL, BREATH ACTIVATED	AER BRACT
AP	AEROSOL, POWDER (GM)	AERO POWD
AQ	AEROSOL, SPRAY, (GM)	SPRAY
AR	AEROSOL, SPRAY REFILL, (ML)	SPRAY RFL
AS	AEROSOL, SPRAY (ML)	SPRAY
AT	AEROSOL, SPRAY W/PUMP (ML)	SPRAY/PUMP
AU	SPRAY, NON-AEROSOL (ML)	SPRAY



Workbook field names and definitions:

Uniform Business Office Field Names and Descriptions:

NDC: 11 digit National Drug Code assigned to drug products composed of three distinct subcodes: labeler, product, and package size.

SRC_OF_SUPL_CD: Denotes whether item is from Prime Vendor Program, Federal Supply Schedule or Average Wholesale Price

UNIT_PRICE: Price per item

AHFS_THER_CLS_CD: American Hospital Formulary Service Therapeutic Classification Code which identifies the pharmacologic therapeutic category of the drug product according to the American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS) classification system.

AHFS_THER_CLS_DESC: American Hospital Formulary Service Therapeutic Classification Code Description

PS: Package Size

GNN: Generic Name of an ingredient independent of trade or brand names.

LN: Label Name

UD: Unit Dose indicator

DOSAGE_FORM_CD: Dosage Form Code

CL_CD: Classification Code which indicates over-the-counter or prescription, according to its availability to the consumer per federal specifications.

UM: Unit of Measure

GCRT: Route of Administration code

GCRT_DESC: Route of Administration description

HIC3_DESC: Hierarchical Ingredient 3 digit Code description

GCDF_DESC: Dosage Form Description

Pricing Pharmaceuticals using the UBO Pharmacy Rate Methodology:

- Formula used to determine the beneficiary's final charge:
Final Charge = [The NDC unit measure price multiplied by the quantity dispensed] + [The fixed TMA UBO dispensing fee] (effective on the script's fill date)
- Note a pharmaceutical's "quantity dispensed" can take many product forms: Tablets, ounces, grams, caplets, etc. Look these up in the Formulary and OTC Unit Rates – Biller's Edition workbook.
- Specific NDC pricing Examples of different product forms on the following slides

Examples of Tablet and Capsule Product

Product Form	Product Form Description	Product Form	Product Form Description
CA	CAPSULE (HARD, SOFT, ETC.)	TH	TABLET, HYPODERMIC
CB	CAPSULE, SUSTAINED RELEASE 12 HR	TI	TABLET, SUSTAINED RELEASE 24HR
CC	CAPSULE, SUSTAINED RELEASE 24 HR	TJ	TABLET, DISPERSIBLE
CD	CAPSULE, WITH INHALATION DEVICE	TL	LOZENGE
CE	CAPSULE, DELAYED RELEASE (ENTERIC COATED)	TM	TABLET, SUSTAINED RELEASE 12HR
CG	CAPSULE, MULTIPHASIC RELEASE 30-70	TO	TABLET, SUSTAINED RELEASE 12HR SEQUENTIAL
CH	CAPSULE, MULTIPHASIC RELEASE 50-50	TQ	TABLET, SUST. RELEASE, PARTICLES/CRYSTALS
CI	CAPSULE, MULTIPHASIC RELEASE 12 HR	TR	TABLET, PARTICLES/CRYSTALS IN
CJ	CAPSULE, MULTIPHASIC RELEASE 24 HR	TS	TABLET, SUSTAINED ACTION
CK	CAPSULE, SPRINKLE	TT	TROCHE
CM	CAPSULE, MULTIPHASIC RELEASE	TU	TABLET, SUBLINGUAL
CN	CAPSULE, SUSTAINED RELEASE PELLETS	TW	WAFER
CP	CAPSULE, 24HR SUSTAINED RELEASE PELLETS	TZ	TABLET, OSMOTIC LASER-DRILLED FORM.
CR	CAPSULE, SUSTAINED ACTION 24 HR	UA	TABLET, SEQUENTIAL
CS	CAPSULE, SUSTAINED ACTION	UB	TABLET, MULTIPHASIC RELEASE
CT	CAPSULE, DEGRADABLE CONTROLLED-RELEASE	UD	TABLET, DOSE PACK
CX	CAP DR MP	UE	TABLET, SUSTAINED ACTION SEQUENTIAL
EA	EACH	UF	TABLET, SUSTAINED RELEASE 8HR
EX	TAB ER2 24	UG	CAPSULE, DOSE PACK
GT	TABLET, SUST. REL., GASTRIC RETENTION 24HR	UH	TABLET, DOSE PACK, 3 MONTHS
TA	TABLET	UI	TABLET, SR OSMOTIC PUSH 24HR
TB	TABLET, SOLUBLE	UJ	TABLET, RAPID DISSOLVE, DELAYED RELEASE
TC	TABLET, CHEWABLE	UL	TABLET, RAPID DISSOLVE
TE	TABLET, DELAYED RELEASE (ENTERIC COATED)	UO	TABLET, MULTIPHASIC RELEASE 12HR
TF	TABLET, EFFERVESCENT	UP	TABLET, MULTIPHASIC RELEASE 24HR
TG	GUM	UR	TABLET AND CAPSULE, SEQUENTIAL

MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 52959018790
- Quantity Dispensed = 30 (30 Day Supply)

UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 52959018790
- NDC Name/Description = IBUPROFEN 200 MG TABLET
- Dosage/Product Form Code = TA
- Unit of Measure (UM) = EA (Each)
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$0.04

Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00
Dispense Fee

$$(\$0.04 \times 30) + \$2.00 = \mathbf{\$3.20}$$

MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- 2 NDC(s) = Rx1 = 35356014790, Rx2 = 54868514202
- Quantity Dispensed = Rx1 = 90 (90 Day Supply), Rx2 = 60 (60 Day Supply),

UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC(s) = Rx1 = 35356014790; Rx2 = 54868514202
- NDC Name/Description(s) = Rx1 =ADDERALL XR 10 MG CAPSULE,
Rx2 =ADDERALL XR 30 MG CAPSULE
- Dosage/Product Form Code = CC (CAPSULE, SUSTAINED RELEASE 24 HR)
- Unit of Measure (UM) = EA (Each)
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = Rx1 =\$4.66; Rx2 = \$4.83

Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00 Dispense Fee

RX1: (\$4.66 x 90) + \$2.00 = **\$421.00**

RX2: (\$4.83 x 60) + \$2.00 = **\$281.60**

Examples of Ointment, Gel and Cream Product Forms

Product Form	Description	Product Form	Description
JE	BEADS (GM)	GP	GEL WITH PUMP (ML)
KA	CREAM (GRAMS)	KK	GEL, ALCOHOL BASED
KM	CREAM (MILLILITERS)	KD	GEL, SUSTAINED RELEASE (EA)
KH	CREAM IN PACKET	KR	GEL, SUSTAINED RELEASE (GM)
KS	CREAM IN PACKET (ML)	JS	GEL-FORMING SOLUTION
KW	CREAM WITH APPLICATOR	JJ	GLOBULE
KV	CREAM WITH PREFILLED APPLICATOR	JD	JEL (GM)
KB	CREAM, SUSTAINED RELEASE (GM)	JB	JEL (ML)
JF	GEL (EA)	JA	JELLY (GM)
JG	GEL (GM)	JW	JELLY WITH APPLICATOR (GM)
JC	GEL (ML)	JT	JELLY WITH PREFILLED APPLICATOR (ML)
JR	GEL IN METERED-DOSE PUMP	KE	LOTION, SUSTAINED RELEASE
KN	GEL IN PACKET (EA)	KL	LUBRICANT
JP	GEL IN PACKET (GM)	KU	MEDICATED SHAVING CREAM (GM)
JO	GEL IN PACKET (ML)	KG	OINTMENT IN PACKET
JV	GEL WITH APPLICATOR (GM)	OW	OINTMENT WITH APPLICATOR
JX	GEL WITH APPLICATOR (ML)	OV	OINTMENT WITH PREFILLED APPLICATOR
JU	GEL WITH PREFILLED APPLICATOR (GM)	OC	OINTMENT(EA)
KZ	GEL WITH PUMP (GM)	OA	OINTMENT(GM)
JH	PUDDING (EA)	OB	OINTMENT(ML)
JJ	PUDDING (GM)	GS	SPRAY GEL (ML)

MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 45334030004
- Quantity Dispensed = 120

UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 45334030004 (Note this NDC is also found on OTC price tab)
- NDC Name/Description = VANICREAM SKIN CREAM
- Dosage/Product Form Code = KA = CREAM (GRAM)
- Unit of Measure (UM) = GM (Grams)
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$0.02

Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00
Dispense Fee

$$(\$0.02 \times 120) + \$2.00 = \mathbf{\$4.40}$$

MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 00051845030
- Quantity Dispensed = 30 Packets

UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 00051845030
- NDC Name/Description = ANDROGEL 1%(5G) GEL PACKET
- Dosage/Product Form Code = JP = GEL IN PACKET (GRAM)
- Unit of Measure (UM) = GM (Grams)
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$3.25

Note: 1 Packet = 5 Grams Androgel = $\$3.25 \times 5 = \16.25

Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00
Dispense Fee

$(\$16.25 \times 30) + \$2.00 = \mathbf{\$489.50}$

MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 25021030176
- Quantity Dispensed = 1

UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 25021030176
- NDC Name/Description = ADENOSINE 12 MG/4 ML SYRINGE (regulate heart)
- Dosage/Product Form Code = HQ DISPOSABLE SYRINGE (ML)
- Unit of Measure (UM) = ML
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$10.72

Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00
Dispense Fee

$$(\$10.72 \times 1) + \$2.00 = \mathbf{\$12.72}$$

MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 08290002133
- Quantity Dispensed = 1

UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 08290002133
- NDC Name/Description = BD SYRINGE 20 ML (SYRINGE REUSABLE, 20ML)
- Dosage/Product Form Code = YC (SYRINGE, REUSABLE)
- Unit of Measure (UM) = EA (Each)
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$48.42

Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00
Dispense Fee

$$(\$48.42 \times 1) + \$2.00 = \mathbf{\$50.42}$$

MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 00023114501
- Quantity Dispensed = 10 Units

UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 00023114501
- NDC Name/Description = BOTOX 100 UNITS VIAL
- Dosage/Product Form Code = HS VIAL (SDV,MDV OR ADDITIVE) (EA)
- Unit of Measure (UM) = EA (Each)
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$5.36 (Note: \$536.13 (Vial)/100 Units = \$5.36 per Unit)

Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00
Dispense Fee

$$(\$5.36 \times 10) + \$2.00 = \mathbf{\$55.61}$$

Examples of Inhalers:

Product Form	Description
GH	INHALER (ML)
GI	INHALER (EA)
GJ	INHALER (GM)
GK	DISK, WITH INHALATION DEVICE
GZ	INHALER KIT (EA)
TD	DISK

In the NDC Name description, “ADVAIR 250-50 DISKUS”

Note the “250/50” describes the inhalation powder dosage combination :

In micrograms (a microgram is 1/1,000,000 of a gram)

Example: ADVAIR DISKUS 250/50 (fluticasone propionate 250 mcg and salmeterol 50 mcg inhalation powder)

Example: ADVAIR DISKUS 500/50 (fluticasone propionate 500 mcg and salmeterol 50 mcg inhalation powder)

MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 23490754201
- Quantity Dispensed = 1

UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 23490754201
- NDC Name/Description = ADVAIR 250-50 DISKUS
- Dosage/Product Form Code = GK (DISK, WITH INHALATION DEVICE)
- Unit of Measure (UM) = EA (Each)
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$3.54 (Note: PS = 60, Twice Daily so 60/2 = 30 Day Sup)

Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00
Dispense Fee

$$(\$3.54 \times 60) + \$2.00 = \mathbf{\$214.40}$$

MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 52544004480
- Quantity Dispensed = 12 inches

UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 52544004480
- NDC Name/Description = CORDRAN 4 MCG/SQ CM TAPE (4 mcg/sq cm—large roll, 80 in x 3 in (200 cm x 7.5 cm))
- Dosage/Product Form Code = EN (TAPE, MEDICATED)
- Unit of Measure (UM) = IN (Inches)
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$1.11 (Note: PS = 80, so $\$89.13/80 = \1.11 per Inch)

Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00
Dispense Fee

$$(\$1.11 \times 12) + \$2.00 = \mathbf{\$15.37}$$

NDC-Specific Pricing (Pumps/Medical Equipment)

- Within the OTC pharmaceuticals there are a number of GSNs that DO NOT contain set of homogeneous products.
- There are 10 GSNs (which contain approximately 686 NDCs) for miscellaneous products that contain significantly large variances in unit prices:

Generic Sequence Number	Generic Ingredient Name Description
010799	IV INFUSION PUMP
010800	IV INFUSION PUMP
010828	IV EQUIPMENT
010926	CONTAINER, EMPTY
010959	MISCELLANEOUS MEDICAL SUPPLY
011095	MISCELLANEOUS MEDICAL SUPPLY
023835	NEBULIZER ACCESSORIES
023868	NEBULIZER/ COMPRESSOR
064092	MEDICAL INFORMATION ID TAG
007076	EMOLLIENT



NDC-Specific Pricing (Pumps/Medical Equipment)

- TMA UBO Program Office business rules for the Rx Rate File update (effective 06 August 2012):
 1. That all unit NDC prices within these 10 OTC GSNs will NOT be priced according to median GSN methodology.
 2. That all unit NDC prices within these 10 OTC GSNs will retain their original unit price as stated in the MCPF unless there is PDTS experience for that NDC. If there is PDTS experience it will be used to set the unit prices.
 3. All Unit NDC Prices for other GSNs will follow median GSN methodology.

MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 17191000094
- Quantity Dispensed = 4

UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 17191000094
- NDC Name/Description = BAG SPIKE W-CHECK VALVE
- Dosage/Product Form Code = EA (Each); Note Package Size = 20
- Unit of Measure (UM) = EA (Each)
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$4.46

Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00
Dispense Fee

$$(\$4.46 \times 4) + \$2.00 = \mathbf{\$19.84}$$

MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 76300040713
- Quantity Dispensed = 1

UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 76300040713
- NDC Name/Description = MINIMED INFUSION PUMP
- Dosage/Product Form Code = EA (Each); Note Package Size = 1
- Unit of Measure (UM) = EA
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$6,630.00

Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00
Dispense Fee

$(\$6,630.00 \times 1) + \$2.00 = \mathbf{\$6,632.00}$

Questions?

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